

Special points of interest:

- Church Board Meeting: Tue. 3/13
- Bible Studies: Wednesdays @ 1130 a.m. & 630 p.m. @the church
- Memorial Service for Irmgard Hooper 3/17 @230 p.m.
- Oregon Prayer Conference 3/30-4/1 Rockaway Beach/Kevin Wilfley, speaker

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CENTRAL VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 60TH CELEBRATION

by Mike LaSage

Saturday, February 17 marked a milestone at Central Valley Christian School, as the community celebrated 60 years of ministering to the Corvallis, Albany, Lebanon, and Sweet Home Oregon communities.

More than 200 people joined the staff, students, volunteers and parents for Sabbath morning worship and fellowship—in the gym. Chuck Burkeen, Oregon Conference Ministerial Director, not only taught the adult Sabbath School lesson, but also pinch-hit for conference president Dan Linrud, who was ill, by offering an especially relevant morning message. Pastor Burkeen helped all attending remember how Central Valley Christian School has been an “Ebenezer Stone” for an awful lot of people through the last six decades, reinforcing how God has provided and led so many as they walked with and toward a Savior.

The school, in its current location on Highway 34 since opening in 1957, began as a 1st – 8th grade school; it expanded to junior academy status by adding 9th and 10th graders in 1971; and returned to Pre-k through 8th grade in 2011 to better serve its community’s needs.

The celebration continued with a classic “Haystacks” lunch. After the fellowship meal, many remained at the school to connect with friends from years past, or re-live on-site memories.

The evening finished with a food fair and dessert auction, aimed at supporting Central Valley’s developing capital campaign. When the burgers had been flipped, the taquitos had been rolled, and the noodles dished onto plates, the auction began, and once again, the Central Valley Christian School community came up big, supporting the school to the tune of almost \$4,000. With that kind of community investment time and time again, Central Valley Christian School looks forward to many more years of leading children and their families to Jesus.

March Birthdays

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| 4 Dick Clarke Jr. | 13 Ted Luna | Richard Martinez |
| 5 Veronica Johnson | 14 Karen Hyder | 21 Elaine Marshal |
| 6 Cleona Bolden | 15 Marla Edwards | 22 Daniel Reed |
| Kyle Carter | Josiah Carpenter | 25 Jesus DeLeon |
| Chris Fairchild | 6 Dariene Sheldon | Duane Maycock |
| 9 Lee Anne Settlemier | 18 Laura Herndon | 26 Virgil Hanson |
| 11 Kacie Fairchild | (Severance) | 29 Steve Brown |
| 12 Kong Avery | 19 Jack Mason | |
| | 20 Dan Baldwin | |



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St. Patrick was an Adventist....Almost!

Although much of the dark period of history after the falling away from the apostolic purity in the early to middle ages is incomplete, it is known that Patrick, whose day we celebrate in March upheld the Bible as the only foundation of faith. He placed strong emphasis on the necessity of loving obedience to the Ten Commandments which he called “Christ’s Law.”

Columba, heir to the throne of Ireland listened to the Bible message preached by St. Patrick. In fact, it is believed that he gave up his throne for the cause of Christ. Patrick and Columba did a great work of ministry in Ireland and Scotland.

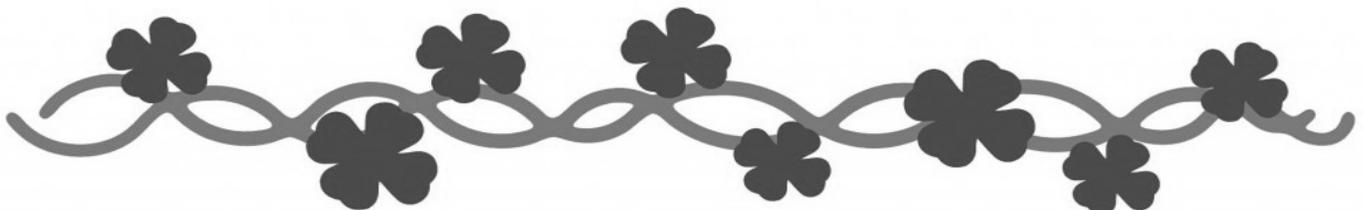
According to Dr. Leslie Hardinge in his outstanding work *The Celtic Church in Britain*, one of the distinguishing characteristics of the Celts was a sacred regard for the Biblical Sabbath. The last hours of Columba’s life are recorded as follows: “Having continued his labors in Scotland for 34 years, he clearly and openly foretold his death, and on Saturday, the ninth of June, said to his disciple Diermit: ““This is the day called the Sabbath, that is, the day of rest, and such will it be to me; *for it will put an end to my labors.*”” [*The Celtic Church in Britain*, (SPCK) 1972, pp. 80-89.]

Columba’s (Patrick’s friend and disciple) final words in the previous paragraph really relate to Revelation 14:13b --- part of the three angel’s messages, that we know refer to the Sabbath truth. The best evidence is that Patrick kept the Sabbath. And if he believed the entire Bible message, he believed in the Second Coming of Christ as well. In effect, this made Patrick and Columba, and many other Celts in Ireland and Scotland: “Adventists!”

Andrew Lang, in writing about the history of the Celtic church, says, “They worked on Sunday but kept Saturday in a Sabbatical manner.” (*A History of Scotland*, Andrew Lang, Vol. 1, p. 96) In his carefully chronicled *Religious History of Scotland*, Moffat adds: “It seems to have been customary in the Celtic churches of early times of Ireland, as well as Scotland, to keep Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, as a day of rest from labor. They obeyed the fourth commandment literally upon the seventh-day of the week.” (p. 140) (Citations taken from *Truth Triumphant*, Pacific Press Publishing, 1944, p.108).

Appropriately, St. Patrick’s day (March 17) this year falls on a Sabbath. While the world will celebrate the day with leprechauns and green beer, we can celebrate it as a day when one of God’s faithful servants can be remembered for his faithfulness and life, and also for his faithfulness to keep all of God’s commandments.

Pastor Steve



Adventures of Ernest Clark

By Wayne Clark

(When we last looked in on Ernie & Pearl Clark, they had just arrived at their Eastern Colorado homestead and had just met their neighbor, John Hackett, also a Seventh-day Adventist)

The Hackett family arrived at the Clark homestead in their two-horse carriage. It was Sabbath morning and the sun was warm and comfortable.

“It’s about three miles to the Payette home; you see we haven’t built a church yet,” John Hackett was saying.

“The Payettes have a nice big frame house and were kind enough to invite us to use their house for church.”

“How many members do you have?” Ernie asked.

“Well, with you three it will bring our membership up to six. Prince, Pat, get up,” John commanded and off they went, joining their voices in singing praises to God as they rode along.

That Sabbath has become ancient history.

On the morning, July 12, 1921, Pearl was feeling especially blessed. Her oldest, Nellie was almost 19, Robert, 13, Viola, 10, Neal, 9 and Wallace 11 months and they were all well for once. The Strawberry plants that Pearl had ordered from the Montgomery Wards catalog were thriving. The berries were ripening and almost ready to pick.

“Ernie,” Pearl called, “these berries will make delicious preserves, and what we don’t use for that we can dr.....” Pearl suddenly fell between

the strawberry rows, lifeless. Ernie gathered his beloved Pearl in his arms and rushed to the house. “Children, pray for your mother, something is wrong.” The children all knelt around her in frightened prayer. But alas, it was too late; her heart had already stopped beating. Ernie applied some of his nursing skills but to no avail. Pearl was dead at 44 years old.

A few days later Stella Pearl was laid to rest in the Haxtun, Colorado Cemetery. Little did the Clark family know that a little over five years later they would visit the Haxtun Colorado Cemetery once again to bury their father, Ernie.

It was Sabbath, December 12, 1926 and Ernie had just returned from Denver where he had attended a church elders meeting. “Children, my coughing kept me up all night, so I want you to crank up the model T and go to church by yourselves.” The next two days weren’t any better for Ernie.

“Robert, you better fill the radiator on the Model T so you can take me to the Doctor.” Robert knew what to do and got the car gassed up and ready to go. Nellie bundled her father up for the trip and got him seated in the open sided car. Mrs Hackett would take the younger children home with her. The Doctor met them at the hospital and after examining Ernie, told the children that there was little he could do.

Ernie died on December 14, 1926 during the night. The doctor said pneumonia and tuberculosis had contributed to his death. That night, I am told, the Clark children knelt at worship and asked for guidance from the Lord.

A few days later Ernest Thomas Clark was buried next to his dear wife in the Haxtun Cemetery awaiting the Lords return.

Dare to Be A Daniel

By Mary Gaslin

Are there really people in our world today who would dare to stand true to their convictions as Daniel did? I just read two books from our church library, your library, about two such young men. Both were young men in a Communist country where it was against the law to practice Christianity or even have any Christian books. Both young men stood up for their faith in many miraculous ways even in a Communist army where they could have very easily been shot immediately or imprisoned.

The first book is “One Miracle After Another” by Greg Budd. Pavel Goia lived in Communist Romania and after giving his heart wholeheartedly to Jesus he stood true to his conviction to have prayer time each morning and observing Sabbath. There were many miracles which occurred while trying to attend school which required attendance on Sabbath. Once Pavel was taken into the army there were many other miracles which made it possible for his observance of Sabbath. In fact, his first Sabbath in the

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Editor's Note



Prayers
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Praises
Offered

Health & Healing

For:

Hazel Unterseher
Cory Bronson
Family members of
Izella, Jeanie &
Frances
Sarah Rogers

Luke 1:37

For nothing is impossible with God.

II Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

I am a mighty God. Nothing is too difficult for me. I have chosen to use weak ones like you to accomplish My purposes. Your weakness is designed to open you up to My power. Therefore, do not fear your limitations or measure the day's demands against your strength. What I require of you is to stay connected to Me, living in trusting dependence on My limitless resources. When you face unexpected demands, there is no need to

panic. Remember that I am with you. Talk with Me, and listen while I talk you through each challenging situation.

I am not a careless God. When I allow difficulties to come into your life, I equip you fully to handle them. Relax in My presence, trusting in My strength.



On the Front-Line

By Benjamin Carpenter

I was standing in the middle of a Borneo river holding a lifeless body in my arms and desperately praying. "God, is it too late?" Jimmy had been underwater for over a minute, for I hadn't been able to find him in the murky water. In my short experience as a summer camp counselor, this was by far the scariest experience yet.

Just as I reached the bank of the river, his eyelids fluttered and he started breathing again. Relieved, I left him in the care of the camp doctor, praising God. By and by I went up to the lodge to see how Jimmy

was doing and I asked him, "Jim, what was it like to drown?"

He replied, "I was paralyzed and unable to move and I asked God, 'is this the end?' Then God brought to my mind Isaiah 43:2:

'When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee...'

Then I knew I would be saved."

Jimmy was a diligent bible student and God brought the verse to his mind while he was drowning.

Are you that diligent? Do you know the promises? I

Celebrating Friendship

Monday evening, Feb. 12 was the time set aside by an eclectic group of church family members to come together and celebrate the joy of friendship and love.

Hosted by Kathy Avery, who was supported by a team of willing teens, a meal of tempting Thai food was proffered in a buffet style.

Brave couples revealed their knowledge—or lack there-of—of their mates recollections of past events. Those in the audience were probably thankful they didn't have to supply answers to some of Kathy's questions!

A Letter from Barnabas

To the Saints of Albany, love, grace, and peace be unto you, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Hear now the word of our gracious God, by the apostle Paul, who has declared in his letter to the Church in Galatia, chapter 4:4-5:

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoptions as sons.”

The Savior’s coming was foretold in Eden, but the fulfillment of the promise tarried. Century after century passed away, but like the stars in the vast circuit of their appointed path, God’s purposes know no haste and no delay. God, before the foundation of this earth was formed, had a plan and a time table, *and when the fullness of time was come* God sent His Son; when the great clock of time pointed to the precise hour, Jesus was born.

Now, O Saints of Albany, Christ came the first time, right on God’s scheduled timetable. Therefore, what about Christ’s second coming, does God have a timetable for that?

An “evil servant” of his Lord remarked, “My Lord delays His coming.” (Matt 24:48) I ask you, O Saint of Albany, does *our* Lord delay His coming, or do *we* delay His coming? I believe His second coming is predicated on two things: the Gospel must be preached to *all* the world (Matt 24:14) and this statement by Ellen

White: “Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.” {COL 69.1} With all the mass media we have at hand, the *Gospel to all the world* can be accomplished quite rapidly. Me thinks one key factor in the *possible* delay, is we are delaying His coming by not adequately, or *perfectly*, reproducing Christ’s character.

Therefore, I urge us all to earnestly seek, with Christ’s promised help, to reproduce His image to our greater Albany community. My fellow Saints of Albany, consider the following classic statements God’s latter-day messenger has received from God:

In 1850 (EW 58) she wrote, “I saw that the time for Jesus to be in the most holy place was finished and that *time can last but a very little longer* [how little is “little?”].

She later wrote (SC 64) “In a view given June 27, 1850, my accompanying angel said, “Time is almost finished. Do you reflect the lovely image of Jesus as you should?”

In 1868 she penned, “The long night of gloom is trying; but the morning is deferred in mercy, because if the Master should come so many would be found unready. God’s unwillingness to have His people perish has been the reason for so long a delay.”—2T 194

In 1883 she said, “The angels of God in their messages to men represent

time as very short [how short is “short?”]. It is true that time has continued longer than we expected in the early days of this message. But has the word of the Lord failed? Never! It should be remembered that the promises and the threatening of God are alike conditional . . . It is the *unbelief, the worldliness, unconsecration, and strife among the Lord’s professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow SO MANY YEARS.*” [italics supplied by myself]—EV 695

O fellow Saint, read this: “It was not the will of God that the coming of Christ should be thus delayed. God did not design that His people, Israel, should wander forty years in the wilderness. He promised to lead them directly to Canaan . . . For forty years did unbelief, murmuring, and rebellion shut out ancient Israel from the land of Canaan. The same sins have delayed the entrance of modern Israel into the heavenly Canaan. In neither case were the promises of God at fault. It is the unbelief, the worldliness, unconsecration, and strife among the Lord’s professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years.”—EV 696

God does have a timetable, and when the fullness of time—God’s time—comes, He will send His Son, our Savior, Jesus. Christ warns us: “So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. (Matt 24:44, NIV) Note: Jesus does not say, “Get ready,” but “Be ready.” There is a difference!

Your brother Barnabas, son of consolation.

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army he spent worshipping God in the bathroom. Some of the miracles were four thousand pounds of glass suspended in midair in a bottomless crate, a large shipment of Bibles smuggled by unsuspecting police, school in the USA, and even a dead boy raised back to life.

The second book is "Dare to Stand Alone" by Bradley Booth. Ivan Gumenyuk lived in Communist Russia and was a born leader who wanted to be a missionary man. He had the gift as a natural speaker. On his first Sabbath in the army he stood on a crate and started preaching the gospel story in front of 3,000 enlisted men and one colonel. The colonel just sat there in his jeep - was he recording all Ivan said and taking notes - Ivan just kept on preaching. Miraculously Ivan became friends with that colonel and went on as a missionary in the army for 5 years never once having to work on Sabbath and continued to win many souls for Jesus including that colonel. Once out of the army he trained

young men to become missionaries before they went into the army so they could be missionary men in the army as he had been and the gospel would spread as they were dispersed to other bases.

Both Pavel and Ivan won the respect of the people they came in contact with, including Communist army officers, because they stood true to their convictions, were hard workers, and did their jobs to the best of their ability. Can we say the same about ourselves?

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men - men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." Ellen G. White, *Education*, p. 57. Will we as men and women of the Albany Seventh-day Adventist church dare to be as Pavel and

Ivan and Daniel?

Come check out your church library for these books or many others like them for yourself or for reading to your children or grand-children.

